

INTRODUCTION

Mission Statement

The Mission of the Community Health Council is to determine the health needs of the community and develop a plan of action for improving the health status of people in McNairy County, Tennessee.

COUNTY DESCRIPTION

Land Area

McNairy County is located 100 miles east of Memphis on the Tennessee Border with Mississippi. Its prosperous farms and lush hardwood forests are places of natural beauty. McNairy County was established in 1823 and is named after Judge John McNairy of North Carolina.

Selmer, the county seat has a population of 4,310. Other incorporated towns include Adamsville, Bethel Springs, Michie, Eastview, Guys, Ramer, Finger and Stantonville. McNairy County is proud to be known as the home of legendary southern Sheriff Buford Pusser of "Walking Tall" fame. Pusser's home in Adamsville is now a museum.

The community has an outstanding educational system. McNairy County was the first rural system in Tennessee

to earn accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The University of Tennessee at Martin also has a satellite campus in Selmer.

ECONOMIC BASE

A reliable workforce, excellent quality of life, and outstanding industrial support services have led to an extended period of economic growth in McNairy County. McNairy County is the only county in the state to receive the "Three Star Award" for economic growth for sixteen consecutive years. Primary employers in the community include Aqua Glass, General Electric, Garan, Inc., Kolpak Manufacturing and Selmer Apparel.

Agriculture remains an important part of the economy. Local crops include corn, cotton, forestry, orchards, peppers, soybeans, squash, and wheat. Cotton, corn and soybeans are the leading crops. McNairy County is also a leading timber producer in Tennessee.

McNairy County is blessed with an abundance of natural resources. Recreational opportunities include hunting, fishing, boating, swimming, and golf. Residents of this community are warm, friendly people who are proud of their heritage and enthusiastic about the future.